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In re Application of:

Vincent De LAFORCADE

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

In an Office Action dated September 24, 2002, the Examiner required an election of species under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the species of Fig. 1 and the species of Fig. 2. Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute the species of Fig. 1. Claims 1-12 and 14-17, as apparently renumbered, are "readable" on the elected species. (Applicant presumes that originally-filed claims 17-18 have been renumbered as 16 and 17, respectively, because the original application did not contain a claim numbered as "16.") Contrary to the Examiner's assertion, about no claims being generic, several claims, including at least claims 1 and 4, are generic.

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